

**(5.1) Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:**

The entire chapter was reorganized for clarity. WAC 296-823-120, Controls and WAC 296-823-160, Work Practices and Procedures were combined into one WAC section, WAC 296-823-140, Control Employee Exposure. The new WAC organization is below:

WAC 296-823-100, Scope

WAC 296-823-110, Planning

WAC 296-823-120, Training

WAC 296-823-130, Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Vaccinations

WAC 296-823-140, Control Employee Exposure

WAC 296-823-150, Personal Protective Equipment

WAC 296-823-160, Post-Exposure Requirements

WAC 296-823-170, Records

WAC 296-823-180, Additional Requirements for HIV and HBV Research Laboratories and  
Production Facilities

WAC 296-823-200, Definitions

**WAC 296-823-100, Scope**

- Clarified the definition of occupational exposure and parenteral contact.
- Added the definition of regulated waste.

**WAC 296-823-110, Planning**

- Clarified the your responsibility statement to read, "To plan ways to protect your employees from the risk of exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials."

**WAC 296-823-11005, Determine if you have employees with occupational exposure**

- Combined the last 2 sub-bullets for clarity.

**WAC 296-823-11010, Develop and implement a written exposure control plan**

- First bullet, added the language "in your workplace".
- Reworded the third bullet to read:  
"Document the infection control system used in your workplace to protect employees from exposure to blood or OPIM."
  - Use universal precautions or other at least as effective infection control systems."
- Fourth bullet changed "controls" to "safer medical devices".

**WAC 296-823-12005, Provide training to your employees**

- The entire wac was reorganized for clarity
- Sixth bullet, "appropriate controls" was changed to "equipment and safer medical devices".
- The last sub-bullet, added the language "when exposure to blood or OPIM occurs outside of the normal scope of work".

**WAC 296-823-12010, Provide additional training**

- Added a note for clarity that reads, “This training may be limited to the changes in tasks and procedures”.

**WAC 296-823-130, Hepatitis B virus (HBV) vaccinations**

- Changed in the your responsibility statement “vaccinate” to “make vaccinations available to”.

**WAC 296-823-13005, Make hepatitis B vaccination available to employees**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-15005.
- Reorganized for clarity.
- Changed the numbers to bullets.
- Throughout the wac, changed the word “collateral” to “secondary”.

**WAC 296-823-13010, Obtain a copy of the healthcare professional’s written opinion for hepatitis B vaccination and provide it to the employee.**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-15010.
- First bullet, clarified the language.
- The note now reads, “ If the health care professional provides the written opinion, directly to the employee, you do not need to do so. If the employee’s personal healthcare professional completes the evaluation, the employer need only make a good faith effort to obtain a copy of the evaluation, you are not required to obtain the healthcare professional’s written opinion.”
- Added the following reference, “Requirements for the healthcare professional’s written opinion on post exposure evaluation can be found in WAC 296-823-16030 of this chapter.

**WAC 296-823-140, Control Employee Exposure**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-120 and WAC 296-823-160.
- The your responsibility statement now reads, “ To use feasible controls to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM).”
- Added an important statement referencing the personal protective equipment section in this chapter.

**WAC 296-823-14005, Use appropriate equipment and safer medical devices to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-12005
- Clarified the language.

**WAC 296-823-14010, Handle contaminated sharps properly and safely**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-16040
- Added a note for clarification.

**WAC 296-823-14015, Handle reusable sharps properly and safely**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-16040
- Re organized the language for clarity.

**WAC 296-823-14020, Minimize splashing, spraying, splattering and generation of droplets**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-12005

**WAC 296-823-14025, Make sure items are appropriately labeled**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-16005
- Added a fourth bullet to the exemptions list “Extracted teeth, gallstones, kidney stones, or other tissues and body substances that are given to patients.”

**WAC 296-823-14030, Make sure employees clean their hands**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-16010
- In the title the word “wash” was changed to “clean”
- Re organized for clarity.

**WAC 296-823-14035, Prohibit food, drink and other personal activities in the work area**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-16015

**WAC 296-823-14040, Prohibit pipetting or suctioning by mouth**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-16020

**WAC 296-823-14045, Place specimens in an appropriate container**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-16025

**WAC 296-823-14050, Examine and label contaminated equipment**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-16030

**WAC 296-823-14055, Make sure your worksite is maintained in a clean and sanitary condition**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-16035
- Under #2, the fourth bullet, the word “decontaminate” was changed to “clean”
- The language in the note was clarified.

**WAC 296-823-14060, Handle regulated waste properly and safely**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-16040
- Added an exemption that reads, “ Work areas such as correctional facilities, psychiatric units, pediatric units, or residential homes may have difficulty placing sharps containers in the immediate use area. In such situations, alternatives such as using lockable containers or bringing containers in and out of the work area may be used.

**WAC 296-823-14065, Handle contaminated laundry properly and safely**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-16045

**WAC 296-823-150, Personal Protective Equipment**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-130
- The Your responsibility statement now reads “ To provide and make sure personal protective equipment is used when work practice and control will not fully protect your employees from the risk of exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials.

**WAC 296-823-15015, Make sure appropriate masks, eye protection, and face shields are worn**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-13015
- Clarified the language to read, “Make sure either chin-length face shields or a combination of masks and eye protection are used, whenever splashes, spray, spatter, or droplets of blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM) may be generated and could contaminate the eyes, nose, or mouth contamination can be reasonable anticipated.”

**WAC 296-823-160, Post-exposure requirements**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-170
- The your responsibility statement now reads, “To make sure employees who have been exposed to blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM) have appropriate pose-exposure evaluation and follow-up available.”

**WAC 296-823-16005, Make a confidential medical evaluation and follow-up available to employees who experience an exposure incident.**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-17005
- The title changed to accurately reflect the rule language.
- Removed the language “to provide medical services” from the note.
- Added a note regarding third party healthcare providers.
- Clarified the language in the third bullet.

**WAC 296-823-16020, Collect and test the blood of the exposed employee**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-17020
- Clarified the language in the first bullet.

**WAC 296-823-16025, Provide information to the healthcare professional evaluating the employee**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-17025
- Added a reference regarding requirements for healthcare professionals written opinion.

**WAC 296-823-16030, Obtain a copy of the healthcare professional’s written opinion on post-exposure evaluation and provide it to the employee**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-17030

- Clarified the language in the note.

**WAC 296-823-17005, Establish and maintain medical records**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-18005
- Added language to the note regarding medical professionals.
- Clarified the language in the third bullet.

**WAC 296-823-18030, Use and handle hypodermic needles and syringes properly**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-19030
- Changed “appropriately” to “properly” in the title

**WAC 296-823-18050, Furnish a sink for washing hands and a readily available eye wash facility**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-19050
- Added a reference for emergency eyewash stations.

**WAC 296-823-200, Definitions**

- Proposed as WAC 296-823-180
- Removed the definition of collateral duty
- Clarified the definition of occupational exposure and parenteral contact
- Added the definitions for secondary duty and standard microbiological practices